

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action that was mailed on June 15, 2005. In that Office Action, the Examiner requested affirmation of the election of species, citing 37 CFR 1.111.

It is respectfully pointed out that 37 CFR 1.111 indicates that an applicant "must reply to every ground of objection and rejection in the prior Office action". It does not state that an applicant must explicitly affirm an election of species that had been made telephonically.

Moreover, in the present situation, the Amendment filed on March 30, 2005 contained a tacit affirmation of Applicants' telephonic election of species. That is, the Amendment added new claim 8 directed to the elected species, and indicated that each of claims 2, 3, and 5-7 is "withdrawn".

Nevertheless, as requested by the Examiner, Applicants hereby affirm the election of the species 1,4-bis(1-methyl-1-vinyloxyethyl)benzene. Applicants do not traverse the requirement for election of species, because Applicants agree that each of the different species indicated by the Examiner is patentably distinct from all of the others.

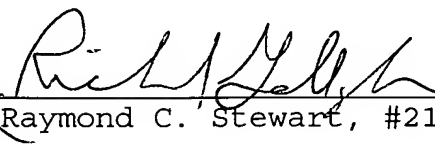
Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejection of record and to pass claims 1-8 herein to Issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Richard Gallagher (Reg. No. 28,781) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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